

Focus On Pheasants

MONTHLY UPDATE

SOUTHWEST FOP

During the month of January we held an Ag and Pheasant workshop on January 26, 2012 in Trenton, Nebraska where we had a good



SW AG and Pheasants Workshop

attendances of approximately 30 landowners. Speakers from FSA, NRCS, UNL Extension, UNL Coop, and a local landowner presenting different topics throughout the day.

Topics discussed during the workshop included the profitability of tall wheat stubble, wildlife benefits of tall stubble, equipment needs to produce taller stubble, upcoming research projects and banding results, FOP incentives and practices, and history of Focus on Pheasants initiative.

Beginning in April researchers from the University of Nebraska's Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit will begin a three year study examining the benefits of wildlife incentive programs for pheasant populations in Nebraska. Work will include using advanced GPS technology to track pheasant movements on public access sites and private lands in the Southwest Focus on Pheasants area. Researchers then will assess the benefits and impact of various management practices (wheat stubble management, grazing deferment, burning, native shrub planting) on pheasant survival and reproduction. Findings from this research will help local managers better understand how to best manage pheasants in the landscapes of tomorrow.



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TJ and Lindsey baiting walk in traps

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SPOTLIGHT

Conservation Reserve Program, General Sign-Up 43, March 12-April 6, 2012

Overview

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up from March 12 through April 6, 2012.

CRP is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to control soil erosion, improve water and air quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 to 15 years. Accepted contracts for CRP sign-up 43 will begin on Oct. 1, 2012.



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